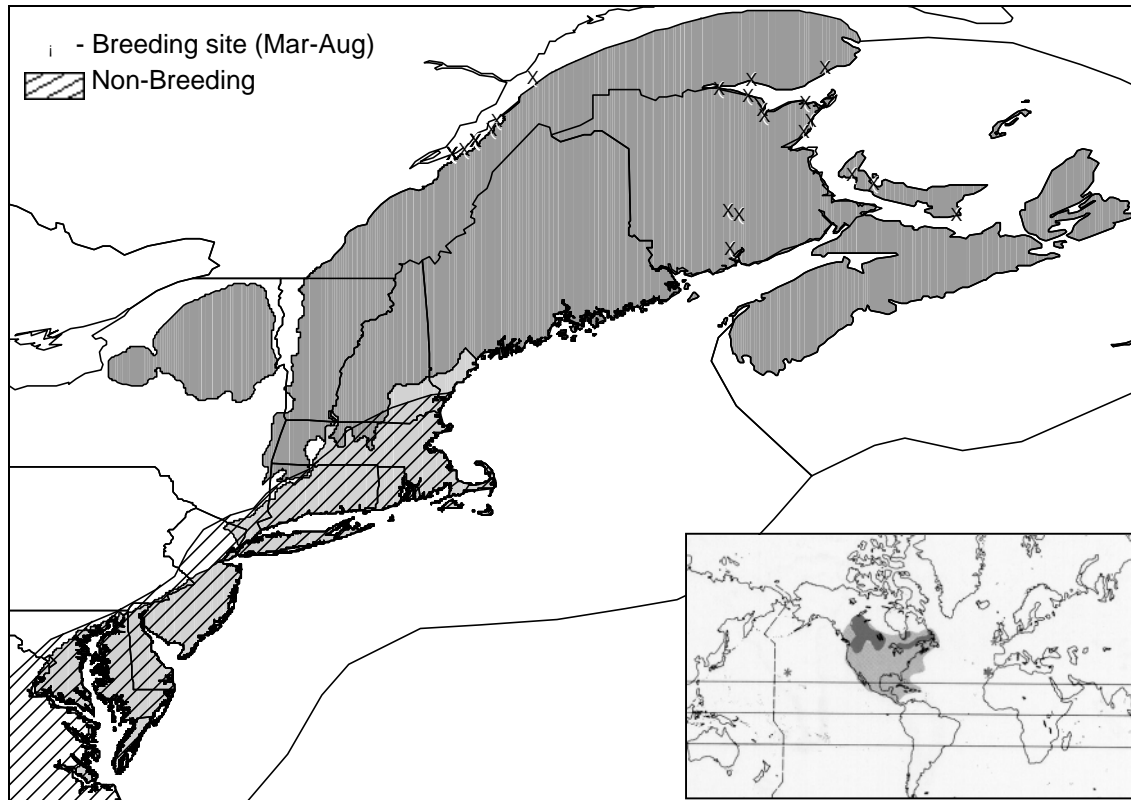


RING-BILLED GULL

Larus delawarensis**Regional Occurrence** (BCRs 14, 30)

- Distribution: breeds in BCR 14; winters and migrates in region
- Habitats used: seacoasts, bays, estuaries, rivers, lakes, ponds, irrigated and plowed fields; breeding on rocky, grassy and sandy islets or isolated shores

NAWCP BD=2; NAWCP ND=2

Regional Abundance

- 1990s population size: Canada—40,844 (13 colonies)
- Historical population size: Canada--? (? colonies)
- 8-11% per year increase in regional population since 1976

NAWCP PS=1; NAWCP PT=1

Regional Threats

- Sensitive to disturbance at nesting sites
- Degradation/loss of habitat due to fluctuating water levels, flooding and erosion
- Susceptible to pesticides and environmental contaminants

NAWCP TB=1; NAWCP TN=1

Conservation Status: Abundance (b=breeding, nb=nonbreeding, t=total individuals) and Conservation Rank

Global	North America	BCR 14	BCR 30	Mid-Atlantic	S. New England	Gulf of Maine	Maritimes
2,550,000t	1,700,000b	40,844b	0b	0b	0b	0b	40,844b
IUCN- Not Evaluated	NAWCP- Not currently at risk (PI>95%)	Not at risk (PI=2%)	Not at risk (PI=0%)	NJ-SPB, S5N; DE-SZN MD-S5N; VA-SN	NY-S4; CT-SZN; RI- SZN MA-SN; VT-S4B,S5N	MA-SN; NH-SZN; ME-S2B, S5N; NB-S4B, NS-S5M	QC-S5; NB-S4B; PE-S1B, S5N; NS-S5M

Conservation Needs: *Sustainability:* 1.89 fledglings / pair; *Foraging Habitat:* 10.8 ± 5.9 km (range 2-31 km); opportunistic; on land, in water in a great variety of habitats. 10.8km +- 5.9 SD from colony; 87% ground feeding; *Issues:* Gull control measures (e.g. scaring, egg destruction, use of monofilament line and habitat alteration to prevent colonization) have been necessary in some areas, especially around airports; conflict with public at public use areas; Common Tern competition for nests sites *Needs:* monitor; *Population Goals:* maintain (below maximum), target 36,700-44,900b; *Habitat Goals:*